

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

ADRIAN HEILBUT, JESSE BRODKIN, AND,
ENEA MILIORIS,

Plaintiffs,

DAVID BREDT and GEOFFREY PITT

Intervenor Plaintiffs

v.

CASSAVA SCIENCES, INC., REMI
BARBIER, AND DR. LINDSAY BURNS

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-05948-JLR

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL A.
VATIS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
OF WITHDRAWAL OF
ATTORNEYS**

I, Michael A. Vatis, hereby affirm the following under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746:

1. I am a member of the bar of the State of New York and of this Court. I submit this declaration pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Local Rules of this Court in support of the request for an Order for withdrawal of J. Erik Connolly, Caitlin A. Kovacs, Michael B. Silverstein and Michael A. Vatis of Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP as attorneys of record for Defendants Remi Barbier and Dr. Lindsay Burns.

2. Defendants Remi Barbier and Dr. Lindsay Burns are currently represented by Steven J. Fink of the Law Office of Steven J. Fink PLLC whose notice of appearance was filed on February 18, 2025.

3. This withdrawal is consented to by both incoming and outgoing counsel and has been approved by Defendants Remi Barbier and Dr. Lindsay Burns.

4. This withdrawal will not delay the matter or prejudice any party.

5. The parties are currently briefing replies in support of the Defendants' motions to dismiss Plaintiffs David Bredt and Geoffrey Pitts' Complaint in Intervention and Plaintiffs Adrian Heilbut, Jesse Brodkin, and Enea Milioris' First Amended Complaint.

6. There is no charging lien.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that the Court grant the withdrawal of J. Erik Connolly, Caitlin A. Kovacs, Michael B. Silverstein and Michael A. Vatis as attorneys of record for Defendants Remi Barbier and Dr. Lindsay Burns.

Dated: February 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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